

## **Project Management update from Argentina**



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### **“Beginning of Activities in PMI Chapters from Argentina”**

Summer ends, students return to their classes and PMI Chapters start their year's activities.

This year is being presented with much movement in PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter. During March, several events have already taken place, starting with the first meeting of the Community of Interest of Female Leadership in Project Management, which I am honored to lead myself, which took place last Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. With the participation of active members of this community, in this first meeting we worked on the objectives and the agenda of this year, we reviewed value proposal for the members and began to plan and approach projects.

Meetings of the Communities of Interest of Technology and Telecommunications Infrastructure and Community of Interest in Public Projects were also held during March, on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> respectively.

PMI Buenos Aires Chapter usually has a large audience through its communities of interest since it allows professionals to share their experiences, knowledge and lessons learned, as well as to investigate and generate new knowledge on topics of interest.

In addition to these meetings, PMI Buenos Aires Chapter has held a PMP® and CAPM® Certification Support Seminar on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>; a PMI Volunteering Induction meeting, facilitated by Engineer Ana María Rodríguez, Director of Volunteers of Chapter

Board of Directors, on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>; and an Introductory Mindfulness Workshop for chapter members on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.



Photo: First Meeting of the Community of Practice of Feminine Leadership in PM of PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina Chapter

Eight meetings of communities of interest have been programmed for April, corresponding to the Feminine Leadership, Business Analysis, Strategic Planning, PMO, Public Project Management, Government Projects, Construction and Agile communities. I recommend seeing all the dates on the website of the PMI Buenos Aires Chapter: [www.pmi.org.ar](http://www.pmi.org.ar)

As it can be appreciated, Chapter's volunteers are strongly involved with professional development, bringing current topics to local project management community and maintaining the relevance of being part of this global community that is PMI.



Photo: Volunteers' Induction Meeting facilitated by Ana María Rodríguez of PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina Chapter

Simultaneously, PMI Córdoba Chapter also has strongly started its activities with an exclusive event for members in Pueblo Estancia La Paz, an exclusive place, away from the noise of the city where an open-air lunch was served.

The event was opened by Eng. Iris Gastañaga, President of PMI Córdoba Chapter, who remarked with joy the achievement of recently becoming a regular PMI Chapter, after being Potential Chapter since creation, and reviewed a report on the achievements of the volunteer, presented the balance and presented to the Chapter's authorities.

The day continued with a workshop conference facilitated by Eng. Valeria Rodríguez Zúccaro, coach, speaker and consultant and Past President of PMI Asunción Paraguay Chapter. Valeria presented a current topic, such as "Materialization of Benefits Management", based on PMI® Realization Management Benefits Guide (BRM).

Rodríguez Zúccaro comments that *"it's important to highlight the exceptional level of volunteerism of PMI Córdoba Chapter, who organized an impeccable event, including transfers in shared cars in order to optimize mobility resources"*.



Photo: Valeria Rodriguez Zúccaro presenting in PM Day organized by PMI Córdoba, Argentina Chapter



Photo: Members PM Day organized by PMI Córdoba, Argentina Chapter

That is how, enjoying a sunny day, members of PMI Córdoba Chapter have been able to engage in relaxed talking, make connections and increase their professional development.

Regarding PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, activities are also being defined, both exclusive for members and open to the whole community. Current Chapter President, Leonardo Vázquez, reports that this year they will make alliances with companies, public and private institutions and educational institutions to generate more benefits for members, which will translate into job opportunities, discounts or bonuses in courses and professional development programs focused on current trends in project management, to be delivered, both in person and in webinar format. They are also planning to carry out a mentoring program for first-year members and alliances with other chapters to generate synergies, in addition to the already famous events of the Chapter, such as the PM Day “Jornadas Cuyanas” in June and the “PMI Cono Sur Tour” during November.

With the presence of the Leader of San Luis Branch of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, Eng. Germán Martínez, first members meeting of 2019 was held on Friday, March 29, sharing a good “asado” (barbecue) with Argentine wine, typical Argentine food for meetings of camaraderie. The President Elect of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter for 2020, Eng. Alejandro Aramburu, reviewed and commented on the planning of the year's activities, to then give place to Eng. Jorge Luis Estrella, who shared his experience in preparing for the PMP® certification exam he recently approved, inspiring professionals who have not yet obtained it, inspiring professionals who have not obtained it yet, motivating them to reach it. Jorge Estrella commented he has been proposed, and he accepted, grateful for the trust, to be the coordinator of a new support workshop for Branch San Luis members who want to obtain the PMP® certification. A new benefit for the members of San Luis.

La Rioja Branch of same PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter is organizing an event called "Women Leaders of Latin America" to take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. José Sergio Torres, Leader of the Branch, relates that this conference is held " *with the objective of providing the environment for several panelists to describe their experiences and tell how they came to achieve their dreams and goals, breaking down barriers and breaking down stereotypes, being, each one of them, leaders in different professional fields. At the same time, create the appropriate space to sum interested women to the Community of Interest of Feminine Leadership that we have in the region*".



Foto: Reunión de miembros del Branch San Luis del Capítulo PMI Nuevo Cuyo, Argentina.

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More information about local Project Management events, enter the sites **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter [website](#)**, **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter [website](#)**, **PMI Cordoba Potential Chapter [website](#)**. To contact **PMI Rosario Chapter in Formation**, write to email [rosario@pmi.org.ar](mailto:rosario@pmi.org.ar).

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